

b.) Amendments to the specification:

Page 2, rewrite the first paragraph as follows:

A fishing rod rest or support constructed in accordance with the invention is adapted for removable attachment to some part of a boat such as a cylindrical rail ~~of a boat~~ or to the gunwale ~~of the boat~~ and be clamped thereto in such manner as to enable retention of a fishing rod in a selected position without requiring any modification of any part of the boat. In one embodiment the rest may partially embrace a cylindrical rail and be clamped thereto by disposable ties. Such rest has an upstanding projection provided with a notch in which a portion of the fishing rod removably may be accommodated.

Pages 4 and 5, rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 19 and bridging page 5 as follows:

The embodiment disclosed in Figures 1 and 2 comprises a one-piece or unitary body 1 formed of suitable material, such as nylon, having a concavo-convex base 2 which preferably, but not necessarily, is formed on a radius corresponding substantially to that of a cylindrical support or rail 3 forming part of a boat (not shown). The arcuate base ~~terminates at its opposite ends in~~ is flanked by a pair of substantially coplanar flanges 4 and 5, respectively. The flange 4 has a pair of spaced slots 6 and the flange 5 has a similar pair of spaced slots 7. The flange 5 is joined integrally to an extension 8 having a V-shaped notch 9 extending obliquely upward from the free edge of the extension and terminating at its free end in a circular recess 10.

Page 6, rewrite the second paragraph beginning at line 7 on page 6 as follows:

The embodiment of the invention shown in Figures 3-6 includes the body 1, the arcuate base 2, the flanges 4 and 5, and the extension 8. The flanges have the paired slots 6 and 7. In lieu of the tie members 11, however, this embodiment includes a clamp 15 comprising a pair of corresponding leg members 16 and 17 which confront one another but are spaced apart. The members 16 and 17 are bridged by and rockably coupled to the base 2 by ~~another~~ coupling lugs or projections 18 and 19 at the upper edges of the members 16 and 17 and are of such size as to pass through the slots 6 and 7. The clamp member 16 is channel shaped and has an upper portion 20 and a lower portion 21 which are angularly offset from one another by a shoulder 22. The clamp member 16 also has side rails 23 at its opposite sides so that the clamp member is substantially channel shaped. The clamp member 17 has upper and lower sections 24 and 25, respectively, which are offset from one another so as to form a shoulder 27 therebetween. The member 17 has side rails 28 like the side rails 23.

Page 7, rewrite the second paragraph beginning at line 8 as follows:

To condition the embodiment shown in Figures 3-5 for use, the ~~mounting~~ coupling lugs 18 and 19 are thrust through the paired slots 6 and 7 of the body member 1. Preferably, the lugs 18 and 19 are slightly curved or hooked for the purpose of assisting in retaining the lugs in the respective openings. Following assembly of the parts 1, 15, and 16 the clamp screw 31

is extended through the openings 29 and 30 and the wingnut 32 threaded onto the free end of the screw. Rotation of the wingnut in one direction will enable the members 15 and 16 to move toward one another and decrease the spacing therebetween.